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SUBJECT: KOREA AND THE 28TH UNGA

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- 1. I DISCUSSED KOREAN ITEM SEPT 20 WITH FOREIGN
 MINISTRY'S NEW DIRECTOR FOR AFRICAN AND ASIAN AFFAIRS,
 ELEIH-ELLE, WHO PREVIOUSLY WAS DESK OFFICER FOR UN AFFAIRS,
 HAS BEEN MEMBER PAST UNGA DELS AND WILL ALSO BE ON THIS
 YEAR'S DEL. HE HAS JUST RETURNED FROM ALGIERS NAC. HE
 WAS WELL-INFORMED ON KOREAN QUESTION AND RESPONSE HE
 ARTICULATED PROBABLY ACCURATELY REFLECTS LATEST GURC POSITION.
- 2. RE CONCURRENT ADMISSION, ELEIH-ELLE STATED THAT LOGIC WAS ON SIDE OF ROK POSITION. BUT IF ISSUE COMES UP IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY GURC WOULD BE IN DIFFICULT POSITION IN VIEW

ITS RELATIONS WITH BOTH KOREAS AND GENERAL POLITICAL CONTEXT OF QUESTION. SINCE DECISION ON ADMISSION LAY ULTIMATELY IN DOMAIN OF SECURITY COUNCIL--WHERE GREAT POWER VETO WOULD BLOCK CONCURRENT ADMISSION--GURC OPPOSED ISSUE SUFRACING IN UNGA MERELY AS CONFIDENTIAL

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PSYCHOLOGICAL DEMONSTRATION OF SUPPORT FOR ONE SIDE OR

OTHER.

- 3. RE UNCURK, ELEIH-ELLE SAW NO PROBLEM SINCE MEMBERS ITSELF RECOMMENDING DISSOLUTION. HE BELIEVED DISSOLUTION SHOULD BE "WITH DIGNITY", THAT IS, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO VALIDITY OR ORIGINAL MANDATE OR PAST ACTIVITIES.
- 4. RE UNC, HE SAID GURC POSITION WAS NOT YET DETERMINED BUT WOULD BE DECIDED IN CONSIDERATION OF A) EFFECT ON INTRA-

KOREAN SITUATION, B) EFFECT ON OVERALL WORLD SITUATION, AND C) SOLIDARITY WITH OTHER AFRICAN DELEGATIONS. IN ELABORATING, HE MAINTAINED THAT, FOR EXAMPLE, DISSOLVING UNC MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TO DETENTE IN WORLD BEYOND KOREA EVEN IF IT TENDED AUGMENT TENSIONS IN KOREA. HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT DISSOLVING UNC NOT THE SAME AS ANNULLING UNC, THAT IS

DISSOLUTION WOULD NOT WIPE OUT LEGAL STATUS OF ITS PAST ACTIVITIES OR VALIDITY OF ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. HE PRAISED SOUTH KOREAN FLEXIBILITY IN NOT INSISTING ON MAINTENANCE OF UNC, BUT REMAINING OPEN TO SATISFACTORY SUBSTITUTE MECHANISMS FOR ASSURING CONTINUATION OF PEACE UNDER ARMISTICE. HE NOT RPT NOT RECEPTIVE TO ARGUMENT THAT DISSOLVING UNC CLEARLY PREMATURE IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS NOT RPT NOT READILY AT HAND.

5. COMMENT: TO EXTENT ELEIH-ELLE COMMENTS REFLECT CONSIDERED POLICY, BELIEVE GURC LIKELY ABSTAIN IN CONCURRENT ADMISSION VOTE, SUPPORT UNCURK DISSOLUTION IN WAS CONSISTENT WITH OUR VIEWPOINT, AND GO ALONG IN SUPPORTING ANY DEVELOPING THIRD WORLD CONSENSUS FOR DISSOLVING UNC. IF ALL ISSUES TIED TOGETHER IN CONTRO-

VERSIAL OMNIBUS RESOLUTION, GURC ABSTENTION PROBABLY BEST THAT COULD BE HOPED FOR.

6. HAVE JUST COMPARED NOTES WITH SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR MOON WHO SAW FONMIN SECGEN OWZO LAST WEEK WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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ELEIH-ELLE PRESENT. MOON SAID SECGEN REACTED "FAVORABLY" IN GENERAL TO VARIOUS POINTS, BUT "NOT SO POSITIVELY" AS PRESIDENCY ASST. SECGEN SENGAT KUO HAD REACTED SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. MOON IS MILDLY OPTIMISTIC ON LIKELY GURC REACTION ON UNC QUESTION, I.E. HE THINKS GURC MIGHT AT LEAST ABSTAIN. FRIEDMAN

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